

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed July 21, 2004 ("Office Action"). Claims 35-76 are currently pending.

The Applicants' attorney filed Information Disclosure Statements on October 6, 2003, December 23, 2003, July 14, 2004, August 19, 2004 and October 7, 2004. The Examiner has initialed and returned a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 23, 2003, however, the Examiner has not initialed and returned copies of the remaining Information Disclosure Statements. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner review the Information Disclosure Statements filed on October 6, 2003, July 14, 2004, August 19, 2004 and October 7, 2004 and return initialed copies.

In the Office Action, the specification is objected to. The specification has been amended to include all continuing application information including application numbers, filing dates and patent numbers. A replacement paragraph is submitted, showing the changes relative to the Preliminary Amendment filed July 23, 2003. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

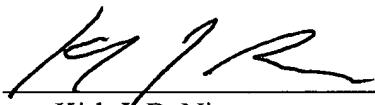
The Examiner rejected claims 35-76 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-45 of U.S. Patent No. 6,608,507. As suggested by the Examiner, a terminal disclaimer is filed herein and claims 35-76 are believed allowable.

Based on the above amendments and these remarks, reconsideration of claims 35-76 is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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